Government, assistance is provided to small scale industries, including tiny industries, to improve the marketing of their products.

(c) and (d) In order to improve the artistry of the items manufactured in these industries, the Central Government organizes skill upgradation training, design workshops and projects through Regional Design & Training Development Centres and other organizations in the country. Government of Uttaranchal has reported the planned establishment of a Craft Design Centre at Kashipur, District Udhamsingh Nagar to promote product and process innovations.

Registered SSI units

†263. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present 12 million industrial units are operating in SSI sector in the country and out of them 10 million units are not registered;

(b) if not, the assessment of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to implement any scheme to register all the small scale indsutries, operating in the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposal in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) As per the Third All India Census of registered small scale industries (SSI) and the sample survey of unregistered SSI units (reference year 2001-02) and based on the estimates made thereafter, the total number of small scale industrial units (both registered and unregistered) operating in the SSI sector as on 31.03.2005 is estimated to be 118.59 lakh, of which 102.21 lakh units are not registered.

(c) to (e) The registration of SSI units is done by the Directorates of Industry/District Industries Centres of the States/Union Territories (UT) and is optional for these units. Government of India had initiated a uniform

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policy of registration of SSI units in all the States/UTs for the first time in 1975. Government makes constant efforts to render the registration procedure for the SSI units simpler and speedier. Besides, the Small Industry Service Institutes (SISI) and branch SISIs located in States/UTs creates awareness among SSI units regarding registration through various training and entrepreneurship development programme.

Revival of sick units

†264. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of six thousand crore rupees of banks is involved in sick units in small scale sector in this country,

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether there is any scheme to revive these units by way of fresh capital investment in them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) As per the latest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from the scheduled commercial banks, an amount of Rs. 5,284.54 crore was oustanding against the sick small scale industries (SSI) units as the end of March, 2004.

(c) and (d) Financial assistance for rehabilitation of sick SSI units is provided by the primary lending institutions (PLIs), including commercial banks. In January 2002, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) circulated detailed guidelines on rehabilitation of sick SSI units to all scheduled commercial banks for implementation. These guidelines include, *inter alia,* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding their viability, concessional finance, etc., with a view to helping the banks in detecting sickness at an early stage and taking corrective action for revival of the potentially viable

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